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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER

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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)

**10/565558**INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  
PCT/JP04/01795INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  
08 JULY 2004PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  
22 JULY 2003

## TITLE OF INVENTION

**METHOD OF PRODUCING AUSTENITIC IRON/CARBON/MANGANESE STEEL SHEETS HAVING A HIGH STRENGTH  
AND EXCELLENT TOUGHNESS AND BEING SUITABLE FOR COLD FORMING, AND SHEETS THUS PRODUCED**

## APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

Mohamed BOUZEKRI, et al.

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
  - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).
11. ☐ A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).
12. ☒ A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).

## Items 13 to 23 below concern document(s) or information included:

13. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
14. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
15. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
16. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
17. ☐ A substitute specification.
18. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
19. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
20. ☐ A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
21. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
22. ☐ Express Mail Label No.

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23. Other items or information: Application Data Sheet      Request for Consideration of Documents Cited in International Search Report Notice of Priority PCT/IB/304 Drawings (6 Sheets)					
The following fees have been submitted:				CALCULATIONS      PTO USE	
24. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee . . . . . \$300				\$	\$300.00
25. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article      \$0 All other situations. . . . . \$200				\$	\$200.00
26. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4). . . \$0 Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the as an International Searching Authority. . . . . \$100 International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the previously communicated to the US by the IB. . . . . \$400 All other situations. . . . . \$500				\$	\$400.00
<b>TOTAL OF 24, 25 and 26 =</b>				\$	\$900.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e) or computer program listing in an electronic medium) (37 CFR 1.492(j)). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole)	RATE		
- 100 =	0 /50 =	0	x \$250.00	\$	\$0.00
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)).				\$	\$130.00
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	12 - 20 =	0	x \$50.00	\$	\$0.00
Independent claims	4 - 3 =	1	x \$200.00	\$	\$200.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> + \$360.00				\$	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$	\$1,230.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.				\$	\$0.00
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				\$	\$1,230.00
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).				\$	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				\$	\$1,230.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property +				\$	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				\$	\$1,230.00
				Amount to be	\$
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- a. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees.  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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**NOTE:** Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.

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Docket No. 284875US0PCT

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Mohamed BOUZEKRI, et al.

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SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION (based on PCT/FR04/01795)

FILED: HEREWITH

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☒ Additional documents filed herewith: English Translation of Specification/Application Data Sheet/Notice of Priority  
Credit Card Payment Form for \$1230.00/Drawings (6 Sheets)/PCT Transmittal Letter  
Preliminary Amendment/PCT/IB/304/International Search Report  
Request for Consideration

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	CALCULATIONS	
TOTAL	12	MINUS	20	0	x \$50 =	\$0.00	
INDEPENDENT	4	MINUS	4	0	x \$200 =	\$0.00	
APPLICATION SIZE		MINUS	100	0 (each addtl. 50 sheets)	x \$250 =	\$0.00	
		<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			+ \$360 =	\$0.00	
		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS					\$0.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity					\$0.00
		TOTAL					\$0.00

- ☐ A check in the amount of **\$0.00** is attached.
- ☐ Credit card payment form is attached to cover the fees in the amount of **\$0.00**
- ☒ Please charge any additional Fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF DOCUMENTS  
CITED IN INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that applicant(s) request that the Examiner consider the documents cited in the International Search Report according to MPEP §609 and so indicate by a statement in the first Office Action that the information has been considered. When the Form PCT/DO/EO/903 indicates both the search report and copies of the documents are present in the national stage file, there is no requirement for the applicant(s) to submit them (1156 O.G. 91 November 23, 1993).

Respectfully submitted,

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